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From: Ostrander, David
Sent: Sat 9/19/2015 12:11:34 AM
Subject: Re: IC Trying to Reach You Please send cell #

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On Sep 18, 2015, at 4:33 PM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn <Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Ostrander, David

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 7:13 PM

To: Cheatham, Reggie

Cc: Deitz, Randy; Allen, Laura; Grantham, Nancy; Harrison, Melissa; Reynolds, Thomas; EOC Public Information; StClair, Christie; Natarajan, Nitin; Stalcup, Dana; McGrath, Shaun; Foster, Althea; Calanog, Steve; Williams, Laura; Card, Joan; Jenkins, Laura Flynn

Subject: Re: New docuemtns -- question from Denver post

late, but all good with me

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On Sep 15, 2015, at 6:09 PM, Cheatham, Reggie <cheatham.reggie@epa.gov> wrote:

I on board with that approach Randy. Others?

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From: [Deitz, Randy](#)

Sent: 9/15/2015 8:07 PM

To: [Ostrander, David](#)

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On Sep 15, 2015, at 7:47 PM, "Ostrander, David" <Ostrander.David@epa.gov> wrote:

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On Sep 15, 2015, at 5:40 PM, Deitz, Randy <Deitz.Randy@epa.gov> wrote:

Did we truly commit to building a treatment plant or was our task order and subsequent efforts a contingency to keep our options open? Rather than answer each question, can we generally say we are evaluating how best to address continued mine drainage impacts on the Animus river and the most effective and efficient treatment options?

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On Sep 15, 2015, at 7:14 PM, "Allen, Laura" <Allen.Laura@epa.gov>

wrote:

Thanks David. Nitin, Dana, Randy-- is it possible for you or someone in your shop to review these responses soon (so we can meet the deadline)? Thanks again.

From: Ostrander, David
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 6:56 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy; Harrison, Melissa; Reynolds, Thomas; EOC Public Information; StClair, Christie; Allen, Laura
Cc: McGrath, Shaun; Foster, Althea; Calanog, Steve; Williams, Laura; Card, Joan; Jenkins, Laura Flynn
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Here are my direct answers to the questions. They may generate more questions in response.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 4:17 PM
To: Harrison, Melissa; Reynolds, Thomas; EOC Public Information; StClair, Christie; Allen, Laura; Grantham, Nancy
Cc: McGrath, Shaun; Ostrander, David; Foster, Althea; Calanog, Steve; Williams, Laura; Card, Joan; Jenkins, Laura Flynn
Subject: FW: New docuemtns -- question from Denver post

All .. I will look at the docs just posted today – alerted folks to the earlier question from same reporter on the gladstone water treatment plan – on the 12 noon est call today –

This reporter has been interested in this issue since the week of August 17 –

As noted below – we are on a tight timeline here .. OPA at HQ – who is available to work with us on this? Will need oswer and region 8 (david ostrander working on a memo on this issue) looped in as well.

Thanks ng

From: Jesse Paul [<mailto:jpaul@denverpost.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 5:48 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy; Gray, David
Subject: New docuemtns

Nancy,

We've got a lot of questions based on all of these documents that were just released. I left you a voicemail and I'm hoping to chat. My cell number is below.

Namely:

1) In an Aug. 6 task order to Environmeal Restoration LLC the EPA said it wanted a temporary wastewater treatment plant at Gladstone by Sept. 15. That, to my understanding, has not happened. Can you discuss why not?

The task order was placed to prepare EPA for treating water, recognizing we would need some lead time if we were going to have a treatment plant in place before winter. A decision on treating through the winter and the practical aspects and benefits were not available at the time this task order was issued.

2) The Evironmental LLC request for a wastewater treatement plant bid from Aug. 21 says bids were due by Aug. 26. Have those bids come in yet? Were there any bids?

We have received bids from 6 companies and are in the process of evaluating those bids. We are not at liberty to discuss any proposals

during the competitive procurement process.

3) The EPA earlier said it definitively planned to build a treatment plant and then last we spoke you said the agency is looking at several treatment options. Why the delay here? What changed?

EPA is evaluating data to determine the impacts of the GKM on water quality currently and going into the winter months. GKM is one of many mines contributing to poor water quality in the Animas and treating or not treating water only from the GKM may or may not have a measurable impact downstream going forward.

4) Still waiting to hear back on my request earlier in the day

We will be putting together something ASAP so any haste in getting these answered would be greatly appreciated.

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